

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 17, 1981

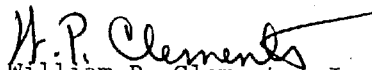
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of Texas, I herewith veto House Bill 692 for the following reasons:

Currently, the Parks and Wildlife Commission has adequate authority and flexibility under Chapter 61 (Uniform Wildlife Regulatory Act) of the Parks and Wildlife Code to regulate the taking and possession of catfish in regulatory counties.

House Bill 692 seriously reduces the Commission's ability to manage the resource through regulatory authority. The bill diminishes the Commission's ability and flexibility to set possession limits and daily bag and retention limits, except those specified in House Bill 692, on all catfish. In addition, this bill reduces the Commission's authority to set size limits for catfish. Under the provisions of this legislation, a person could purchase a general commercial fisherman's license for \$10 in lieu of a sport fishing license for \$5 and be exempt from the sport catch and possession limits and could take up to 50 catfish per day and could possess up to 300 catfish.

This legislation would seriously conflict with the purposes of Section 61.002 of the Uniform Wildlife Regulatory Act and I therefore veto House Bill 692.

Respectfully,


William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor



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